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A Labor Market Information Newsletter on Maine Economic Activity

Message from Commissioner Malloy ...

THE FOURTH EDITION OF ANNUAL PLANNING INFORMATION: MAINE STATEWIDE IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH.

THE ANALYSIS OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE MAINE ECONOMY IS AVAILABLE AT $3.00 PER COPY TO COVER THE EXPENSE OF PRINTING AND HANDLING.

INFORMATION ON LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION, UNEMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA INCOME, POPULATION AND MUCH MORE IS COMPILED AND SUMMARIZED IN EASILY UNDERSTOOD NARRATIVE FORM. A SAMPLE OF THE DATA REVEALS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION ON MAINE'S ECONOMIC CONDITION. POPULATION, DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS, SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, CHANGES IN THE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE, WAGES AND THE SEASONALITY OF MAINE'S ECONOMY ARE AMONG THE MANY HARD FACTS OUTLINED IN THIS PRIMARY SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN BOTH THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR IS INFORMATION. WE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR INTEND TO USE THE ANNUAL PLANNING INFORMATION AS A GUIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION TO DELIVER THE MOST EFFECTIVE SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MAINE. BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS MAY ALSO FIND EXTREMELY USEFUL DATA UPON WHICH IMPORTANT BUSINESS DECISIONS OR PERSONAL CAREER CHOICES CAN BE MADE.

IF YOU HAVE ECONOMIC OR OCCUPATIONAL DECISIONS TO MAKE, YOU MAY FIND THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL PLANNING INFORMATION BOOKLET WILL ENABLE YOU TO SELECT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION AND MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES.

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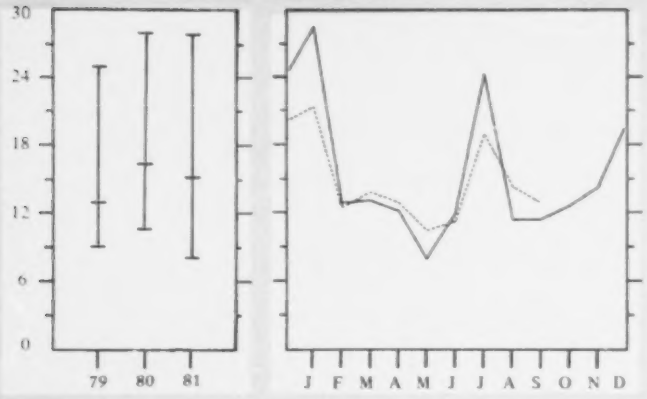
UI Initial Claims
in Thousands



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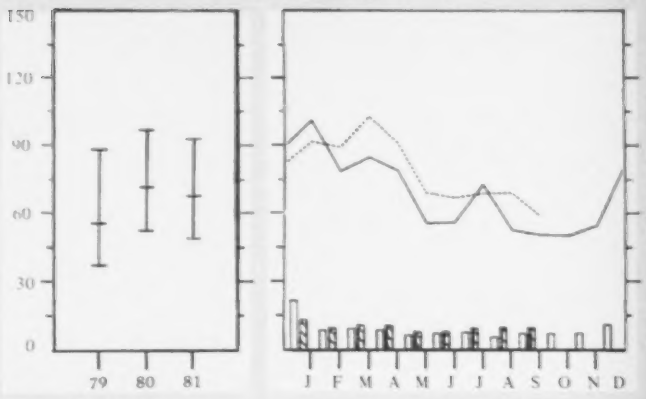

NOTES ON THE MAINE ECONOMY - A QUARTERLY ANALYSIS ---

--MAINE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AVERAGED 8.3 PERCENT DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982. THIS REPRESENTS A SEASONAL IMPROVEMENT OVER THE 9.2 PERCENT AVERAGE RECORDED DURING THE SECOND QUARTER. SUMMER TOURISM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MOST OF THIS IMPROVEMENT.

--THE CURRENT QUARTER'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE OF 6.9 PERCENT RECORDED DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1981. HOWEVER, MAINE'S CURRENT RATE OF 8.3 PERCENT COMPARES FAVORABLY TO A THIRD QUARTER 1982 AVERAGE OF 9.7 PERCENT FOR THE U.S.

--NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT GREW BY 5,400 BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. MANUFACTURING DECLINED 500 WHILE NONMANUFACTURING INCREASED SEASONALLY BY 5,900.

--TOURIST-RELATED GAINS IN EATING AND DRINKING PLACES (+2,600) AND HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES (+4,400) WERE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCREASE IN NONMANUFACTURING BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. CONSTRUCTION CONTRIBUTED A SEASONAL INCREASE OF 2,600.

--IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS REGISTERED AN EMPLOYMENT GAIN OF 1,500 BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS DUE PRIMARILY TO THE ANNUAL BLUEBERRY HARVEST.

--LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS DECLINED BY 2,000 WORKERS BETWEEN THE SECOND AND THIRD QUARTERS. MOST OF THIS LOSS WAS THE RESULT OF NORMAL SEASONAL SHUTDOWNS DURING JULY.

--OVER-THE-YEAR COMPARISONS SHOW THE EFFECT OF THE NATIONAL RECESSION. LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS, WHICH CONTINUED TO BE AFFECTED BY THE SLUMP IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, DECLINED BY 1,600 OVER-THE-YEAR. EMPLOYMENT IN LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS DECLINED BY 2,500 DURING THE PAST YEAR AS A RESULT OF DECLINING SALES AND INCREASED COMPETITION FROM FOREIGN IMPORTS.

--OTHER INDUSTRIES PARTICULARLY AFFECTED BY THE NATIONAL RECESSION DURING THE PAST YEAR WERE TEXTILES (-1,600), WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE (-1,400), AND CONSTRUCTION (-900).

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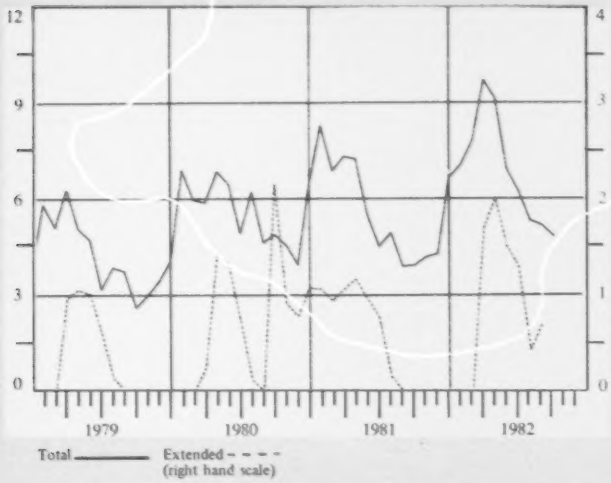
Selected Employment Security Activities

UI Benefit Payments

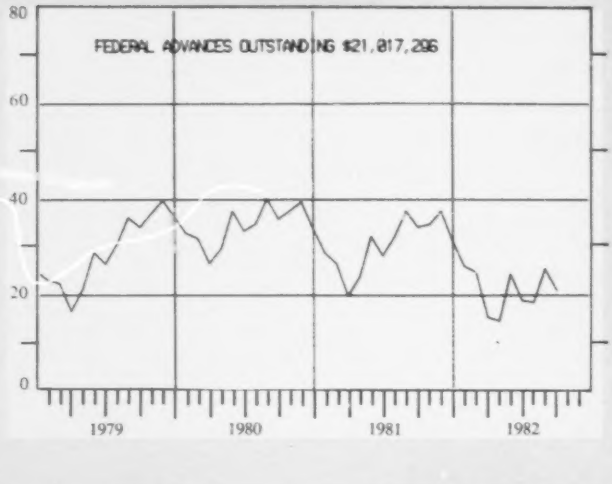
in Million Dollars

(Total Includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance in Millions

(End of Month)



Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

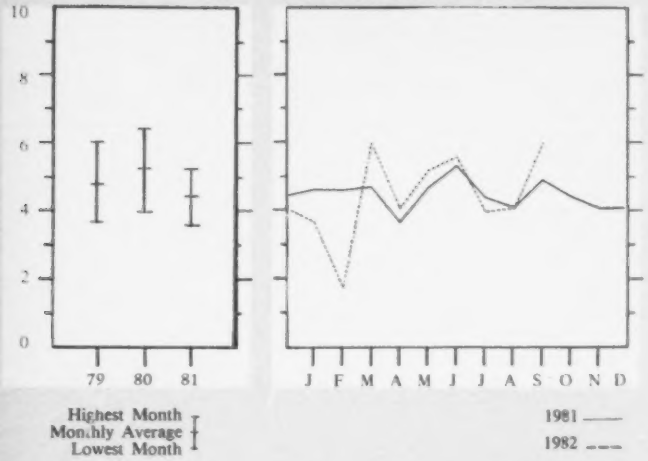
in Thousands

ITEM	STATEWIDE This Month	STATEWIDE Last Month	STATEWIDE Year Ago	PORTLAND SMSA This Month	PORTLAND SMSA Last Month	PORTLAND SMSA Year Ago	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA This Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Last Month	LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary 1/	414.1	422.1	422.2	95.5	95.9	93.2	33.8	34.1	34.6
Total Manufacturing	108.5	109.9	114.5	17.1	17.3	18.0	10.7	10.8	11.8
Durable Goods	40.1	39.7	42.5	7.0	7.2	7.7	1.9	2.0	2.2
Lumber and Wood Products 2/	12.3	12.1	13.7	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Metals and Machinery	14.8	14.8	16.6	6.2	6.5	6.9	1.4	1.5	1.7
Other Durable Goods 3/	13.0	12.8	12.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Nondurable Goods	68.4	70.2	72.0	10.1	10.1	10.3	8.8	8.8	9.6
Food and Kindred Products	9.7	10.7	9.6	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.9	1.0	0.9
Textile Mill Products	6.3	6.4	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.5	1.5	1.9
Apparel	4.6	4.7	4.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.1	0.1	0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.0	18.0	18.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.6	0.6	0.6
Leather and Leather Products	19.6	20.2	20.9	3.4	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.6
Footwear (except Rubber)	(16.3)	(16.9)	(17.2)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(2.9)	(2.9)	(3.4)
All Other	(3.3)	(3.3)	(3.7)	n/a	n/a	n/a	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	10.2	10.2	10.2	4.3	4.4	4.9	2.6	2.5	2.5
Total Nonmanufacturing	305.6	312.2	307.7	78.4	78.6	75.2	23.1	23.3	22.8
Contract Construction	18.6	18.4	19.3	4.1	4.1	4.0	1.3	1.3	1.4
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.5	19.2	18.8	5.9	6.2	5.7	1.2	1.2	1.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	89.7	93.0	90.7	26.2	26.6	25.3	8.3	8.3	8.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	18.0	18.2	17.2	8.4	8.4	7.6	1.7	1.7	1.8
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	81.0	86.4	81.6	22.1	22.3	20.9	7.7	8.0	7.4
Government	79.8	77.0	80.1	11.7	11.0	11.7	2.9	2.8	3.0
Federal	(17.3)	(18.1)	(17.8)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
State and Local 5/	(62.5)	(58.9)	(62.3)	(10.3)	(9.6)	(10.3)	(2.6)	(2.5)	(2.7)
Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/Employment figures relate to full - and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/Lumber and wood products, and furniture and fixtures are combined in the Portland series. 3/Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 37, 38; Portland - 32, 37, 38; Lewiston - 25, 32, 37. 4/Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Portland - 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39; Lewiston - 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 39. 5/Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. *Less than 50.

New Applications For Work

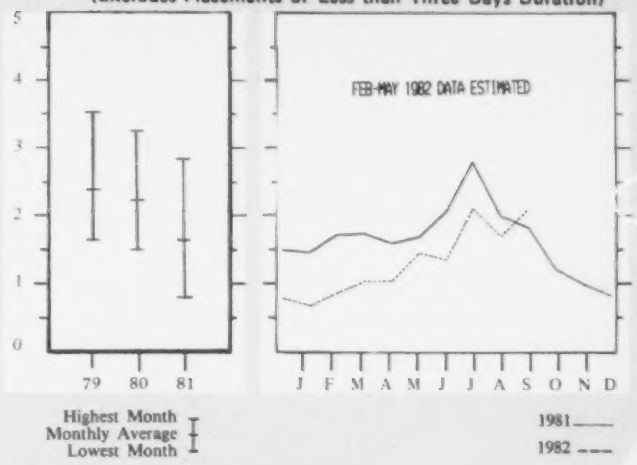
in Thousands



Nonfarm Placements

in Thousands

(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)



Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

AREA AND INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS			ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	1981	1980	1979
STATEWIDE												
Manufacturing	$298.75	$291.13	$276.98	40.1	40.1	40.2	$7.45	$7.26	$6.89	$6.66	$6.00	$5.42
Durable Goods	316.39	315.17	286.31	40.1	40.2	40.1	7.89	7.84	7.14	6.97	6.27	5.61
Lumber and Wood Products	276.05	284.72	258.13	39.1	40.5	38.7	7.06	7.03	6.67	6.52	6.08	5.49
Metals and Machinery	289.98	279.85	269.20	39.4	38.6	40.0	7.36	7.25	6.73	6.61	5.87	5.27
Other Durable Goods	386.23	387.39	344.82	41.8	41.7	42.0	9.24	9.29	8.21	7.98	7.09	6.26
Nondurable Goods	288.32	278.29	271.22	40.1	40.1	40.3	7.19	6.94	6.73	6.48	5.85	5.31
Food and Kindred Products	222.87	213.40	206.44	39.1	38.8	38.3	5.70	5.50	5.39	5.50	5.01	4.65
Textile Mill Products	206.05	204.28	210.53	37.6	37.9	40.1	5.48	5.39	5.25	5.17	4.79	4.40
Apparel	201.66	198.06	185.60	36.4	37.3	35.9	5.54	5.31	5.17	4.97	4.49	4.15
Paper and Allied Products	496.80	467.62	469.48	46.3	45.4	48.5	10.73	10.30	9.68	9.27	8.31	7.44
Leather and Leather Products	209.21	209.72	180.93	37.9	38.2	35.2	5.52	5.49	5.14	5.10	4.72	4.23
Other Nondurable Goods	243.59	237.93	228.93	38.3	38.5	39.2	6.36	6.18	5.84	5.75	5.23	4.80
PORTLAND SMSA												
Manufacturing	280.74	278.36	249.66	38.3	38.5	38.0	7.33	7.23	6.57	6.49	5.85	5.32
LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA												
Manufacturing	229.36	225.55	209.24	38.1	38.1	37.1	6.02	5.92	5.64	5.57	5.08	4.66

Female Labor Force in Maine

in Thousands

ITEM	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Labor Force*	219.2	224.6	212.4
Unemployed	19.2	20.5	15.8
(Percent)	8.8	9.1	7.4
Resident Employed	200.0	204.1	196.6

U.S. Consumer Price Index

BASE PERIOD	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Dec.
(1967=100) All Items (CPI-U)	293.3	292.8	279.5	281.5

Percent Change for Past Month	+0.2
Percent Change from Last December	+4.2
Percent Change from 12 Months Ago	+5.0

*Preliminary estimates

Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment
in Thousands

AREA 1/	LABOR FORCE 2/			RESIDENT EMPLOYED			UNEMPLOYMENT Number			UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
MAINE Statewide	533.9	538.5	529.7	493.9	497.4	496.2	40.0	41.1	33.5	7.5	7.6	6.3
MAJOR LABOR MARKETS												
Bangor-Brewer LMA	42,600	41,800	43,500	40,100	39,200	41,100	2,500	2,600	2,400	5.9	6.2	5.5
Biddeford-Sanford LMA	32,300	33,600	31,900	29,600	30,900	29,700	2,700	2,700	2,200	8.4	8.0	6.9
Lewiston-Auburn SMSA	37,700	38,200	38,400	34,400	34,800	35,600	3,300	3,400	2,800	8.8	8.9	7.3
Portland SMSA	93,400	94,600	90,700	88,100	89,200	86,200	5,300	5,400	4,500	5.7	5.7	5.0
OTHER LABOR MARKETS												
Augusta	29,360	29,500	29,050	26,900	27,390	27,130	2,460	2,110	1,920	8.4	7.2	6.6
Bath-Brunswick	24,800	25,800	22,670	23,590	24,450	21,680	1,210	1,350	990	4.9	5.2	4.4
Belfast	10,310	10,410	10,220	9,230	9,240	9,410	1,080	1,170	810	10.5	11.2	7.9
Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset	8,710	10,780	8,690	8,260	9,900	8,300	450	880	390	5.2	8.2	4.5
Calais-Eastport	17,020	19,090	15,110	15,090	17,370	14,010	1,930	1,720	1,100	11.3	9.0	7.3
Caribou-Presque Isle	25,880	19,100	29,220	22,890	16,160	26,470	2,990	2,940	2,750	11.6	15.4	9.4
Central Penobscot	3,480	3,620	3,520	3,250	3,380	3,330	230	240	190	6.6	6.6	5.4
Dover-Foxcroft	6,800	6,830	6,310	6,240	6,200	6,030	560	630	280	8.2	9.2	4.4
Ellsworth	22,030	24,420	20,530	20,950	23,260	19,680	1,080	1,160	850	4.9	4.8	4.1
Farmington	12,390	12,650	12,840	11,510	11,680	12,050	880	970	790	7.1	7.7	6.2
Fort Kent-Allagash	7,740	5,390	6,630	7,180	4,840	6,130	560	550	500	7.2	10.2	7.5
Greenville	1,750	1,800	1,750	1,670	1,720	1,670	80	80	80	4.6	4.4	4.6
Houlton	6,780	5,010	7,310	6,120	4,380	6,810	660	630	500	9.7	12.6	6.8
Lincoln-Howland	5,730	5,820	5,560	5,290	5,300	5,270	440	520	290	7.7	8.9	5.2
Livermore Falls	6,410	6,070	5,940	5,750	5,370	5,400	660	700	540	10.3	11.5	9.1
Madawaska-Van Buren	5,970	4,710	5,560	5,340	4,150	5,120	630	560	440	10.6	11.9	7.9
Mechanic Falls	2,610	3,000	2,850	2,260	2,680	2,590	350	320	260	13.4	10.7	9.1
Millinocket-East Millinocket	5,360	5,480	5,320	5,120	5,200	5,090	240	280	230	4.5	5.1	4.3
Patten-Island Falls	3,720	2,470	4,330	3,340	2,180	4,070	380	290	260	10.2	11.7	6.0
Rockland	16,770	17,770	16,930	15,530	16,430	16,070	1,240	1,340	860	7.4	7.5	5.1
Rumford	20,490	21,290	21,050	18,720	19,410	19,410	1,770	1,880	1,640	8.6	8.8	7.8
Sebago Lake Region	11,290	12,990	11,170	10,520	12,070	10,500	770	920	670	6.8	7.1	6.0
Skowhegan	20,920	20,390	21,210	18,610	17,940	18,570	2,310	2,450	2,640	11.0	12.0	12.4
Kittery-York	22,140	25,950	22,610	21,500	25,270	22,020	640	680	590	2.9	2.6	2.6
Southwest Penobscot	8,060	8,250	7,250	7,100	7,220	6,630	960	1,030	620	11.9	12.5	8.6
Waterville	21,300	21,770	21,810	19,640	20,130	20,300	1,660	1,640	1,510	7.8	7.5	6.9
OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES												
Connecticut	n/a	1,598.4	1,582.7	n/a	1,493.2	1,494.2	n/a	105.2	88.5	n/a	6.6	5.6
Massachusetts	3,064.0	3,124.0	2,939.1	2,838.0	2,886.0	2,744.0	226.0	238.0	195.1	7.4	7.6	6.6
New Hampshire	n/a	491.4	487.6	n/a	459.7	465.4	n/a	31.7	22.2	n/a	6.5	4.5
Rhode Island	n/a	486.1	482.4	n/a	439.9	449.4	n/a	46.2	33.0	n/a	9.5	6.8
Vermont	n/a	273.7	260.2	n/a	256.5	247.9	n/a	17.2	12.3	n/a	6.3	4.7
NEW ENGLAND STATES	n/a	5,973.6	5,752.0	n/a	5,535.3	5,400.9	n/a	438.3	351.1	n/a	7.3	6.1
UNITED STATES 3/	110,546	111,887	108,273	99,851	101,177	100,389	10,695	10,710	7,884	9.7	9.6	7.3

Area Definitions
LMA - Labor Market Area
SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Note
n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.
Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding.

Footnotes
1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis. Excludes members of the Armed Forces.
2/ Current and last month figures preliminary; year ago figures revised.
3/ National estimates based on a sample of household visits; state estimates based on enlargements of employment figures reported.

Mid-Month Insured Unemployment (Less Partials)

ITEM	STATEWIDE			PORTLAND SMSA			LEWISTON-AUBURN SMSA		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Number of Continued-Week Claimants	13,994	12,454	10,953	1,839	1,689	1,409	1,290	1,144	845
Insured Unemployment Rate *	3.5	3.1	2.7	2.2	2.1	1.8	3.9	3.5	2.5

* Should not be confused with insured unemployment rates as defined in the Employment Security Law.

Maine Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work

in Thousands

ITEM	Number of Workers			Net Change to 3rd Quarter 1982 from	
	1982 3rd Quarter	Previous Quarter	Year Ago	Previous Quarter	Year Ago
Total Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment[1]	416.6	411.2	427.4	+5.4	-10.8
Total Manufacturing	106.4	106.9	114.1	-0.5	-7.7
Durable Goods	39.8	39.4	42.3	+0.4	-2.5
Lumber and Wood Products	12.2	11.5	13.8	+0.7	-1.6
Primary and Fabricated Metals	3.8	4.2	4.6	-0.4	-0.8
Machinery, except Electrical	3.7	3.9	4.0	-0.2	-0.3
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	7.3	7.6	7.8	-0.3	-0.5
Transportation Equipment	10.1	9.4	9.1	+0.7	+1.0
Other Durable Goods[2]	2.7	2.8	3.0	-0.1	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	66.6	67.5	71.8	-0.9	-5.2
Food and Kindred Products	9.9	8.4	9.9	+1.5	0.0
Textile Mill Products	6.3	7.1	7.9	-0.8	-1.6
Apparel	4.4	4.3	4.5	+0.1	-0.1
Paper and Allied Products	18.0	17.6	18.7	+0.4	-0.7
Printing and Publishing	3.8	3.8	3.9	0.0	-0.1
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	3.9	3.9	3.8	0.0	+0.1
Leather and Leather Products	18.0	20.0	20.5	-2.0	-2.5
Other Nondurable Goods[3]	2.3	2.4	2.6	-0.1	-0.3
Total Nonmanufacturing	310.2	304.3	313.3	+5.9	-3.1
Construction	18.6	16.0	19.5	+2.6	-0.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.9	18.6	19.2	+0.3	-0.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	91.8	88.8	93.2	+3.0	-1.4
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	18.1	17.8	17.4	+0.3	+0.7
Services and Other Nonmanufacturing	84.7	79.9	85.5	+4.8	-0.8
Government[4]	78.1	83.2	78.5	-5.1	-0.4

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes furniture and fixtures; stone, clay, glass, concrete products, and professional and scientific instruments. 3/ Includes chemicals, petroleum refining, and miscellaneous manufacturing. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months, whether or not specifically paid in those months.

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